

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
COATES et al. : Examiner: NOT YET ASSIGNED
Serial No.: NOT YET ASSIGNED : Group Art Unit: NOT YET ASSIGNED
Filed: January 30, 2001 :
For: 1,3-OXATHIOLANE NUCLEOSIDE ANALOGUES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims:

Cancel claims 1-18.

Please add the following new claim:

--19. A method for treating a human suffering from HIV infection comprising administering to said human a pharmaceutical composition comprising: the compound (-)-*cis*-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-(1H)-pyrimidin-2-one, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier,

wherein said pharmaceutical composition further comprises another antiviral agent having antiviral activity,

wherein the amount of the (+)-enantiomer corresponding to said compound is present in said composition is no more than 5% w/w, relative to the combined weight of (-) and (+)-enantiomers, and

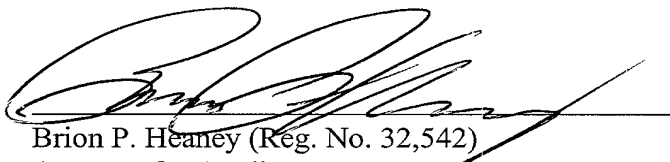
wherein said agent is selected from AZT, 2'3'-dideoxycytidine, 2'3'-dideoxyadenosine, 2'3'-dideoxyinosine, 2'3'-dideoxy-hymidine, 2'3'-dideoxy-2'3'-didehydrothymidine, and 2'3'-dideoxy 2'3'-didehydrocytine.--

REMARKS

Claim 19 corresponds to claim 58 of the parent application which was canceled by the amendment of November 3, 1999.

Applicants intend to institute an interference between the instant application and Cheng et al. U.S. 5,869,461.

Respectfully submitted,



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